

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:)	Chapter 11
)	
ORIUS CORP., et al.,)	Case No. 05-63876
)	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors,)	
)	Hon. Bruce W. Black
)	
)	Hearing Date: February 28, 2007
)	Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: See Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, we shall appear before the Honorable Bruce W. Black, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the room usually occupied by him as a Courtroom in the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, or in his absence, before such other Judge who may be sitting in his place and stead and hearing bankruptcy motions, and shall then and there present the **Final Fee Application of Field Jerger LLP as Special Purpose Litigation Counsel for Orius Corp. for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses, Limited Notice and Related Relief**, a copy of which was served upon you on January 19, 2007, and shall pray for the entry of an order in conformity with the prayer of said motion.

Dated: January 19, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Timothy S. McFadden, hereby certify that I caused copies of the foregoing **Final Fee Application of Field Jerger LLP as Special Purpose Litigation Counsel for Orius Corp. for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses, Limited Notice and Related Relief** to be served upon the parties listed on the attached Service List, by first-class United States Mail, postage-prepaid, on this 19th day of January, 2007.

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COVER SHEET FOR APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

Name of Applicant:	Field Jerger LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Orius Corp. and its related debtor entities
Date of Order Authorizing Employment:	July 26, 2006
Period for Which Compensation is Sought:	June 1, 2006 through December 21, 2006
Amount of Fees Sought:	\$4,529.00
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought:	\$539.87

This is a(n): Interim Application X Final Application

If this is not the first application filed herein filed by this professional, disclose as to all prior fee applications:

Date Filed	Period Covered	Total Requested (Fees and Expenses)	Total Allowed	Any Amount Ordered Withheld

The aggregate amount of fees and expenses paid to the Applicant to date for services rendered and expenses incurred herein is \$3,575.86.

Applicant: FIELD JERGER LLP

Date: January 19, 2007 By: /s/ Scott Jerger

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**FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF FIELD JERGER LLP AS SPECIAL PURPOSE
LITIGATION COUNSEL FOR ORIUS CORP. FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, LIMITED NOTICE AND
RELATED RELIEF**

Field Jerger LLP (“Field Jerger”) applies to this Court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, Rules 2002(a)(6), 2016(a), 9006(c)(1) and 9007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 5082-1 for the allowance of \$4,529.00 in compensation for professional services rendered as special purpose litigation counsel to Orius Corp. and its affiliates (collectively, the “Debtors”)¹ for the period June 1, 2006 through and including December 21, 2006 (the “Application Period”), and the reimbursement of \$539.87 for actual costs incurred incident to those services. In addition, Field Jerger requests that additional notice to all creditors of the hearing on this application (the “Application”) be waived. In support of this Application, Field Jerger states as follows:

¹ The Debtors in the above-captioned case are Orius Corp., NATG Holdings, LLC, Orius Telecom Services, Inc., Orius Telecommunications Services, Inc., Orius Central Office Services, Inc., Texor, Inc., CATV Subscriber Services, Inc., Hattech, Inc., Channel Communications, Inc., LISN, Inc., Copenhagen Utilities & Construction, Inc., LISN Company, and U.S. Cable, Inc.

BACKGROUND

1. On December 12, 2005 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors filed its respective voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (as amended, the “Bankruptcy Code”) with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the “Court”), commencing the above-captioned chapter 11 cases.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

RETENTION OF FIELD JERGER

3. On July 24, 2006, the Debtors applied to this Court for an order approving the retention of Field Jerger as special purpose litigation counsel in connection with a lawsuit (the “Litigation”) filed in an Oregon state court against Budget Boring LLC (the “Defendant”) asserting claims of breach of contract, unjust enrichment, conversion and constructive trust and damages in excess of \$84,000.00. On July 26, 2006, this Court entered an order (the “Retention Order”) approving the retention Field Jerger as special purpose litigation counsel to the Debtors pursuant to an engagement letter dated July 5, 2006 (the “Engagement Letter”). A copy of the Retention Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Retention Order authorized Field Jerger to seek interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to this Court’s Order Establishing Professional Fee Application Procedures dated January 3, 2006 (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

SERVICES RENDERED BY FIELD JERGER

4. Throughout the Application Period, Field Jerger rendered in excess of 16 hours of legal services to the Debtors relating to the Litigation. All of the services for which

compensation is requested were services that, in Field Jerger's judgment, were necessarily rendered after due consideration of the expected costs and anticipated benefits of such services.

Attached to this Application as Exhibit B are detailed statements of the services rendered by Field Jerger, the amounts of time spent thereon, and the expenses incurred incident to these services.

5. Each of the monthly invoices previously provided by Field Jerger to this Court and other parties entitled to notice thereof provide: (a) detailed descriptions of all services rendered in each of the above categories and (b) the timekeeper, date and amount of time expended in each category. Summary charts for each category setting forth each professional who rendered services, total time and value of services and the total dollar value are provided herein.

6. Field Jerger's services with respect to the Litigation are best characterized as "asset analysis and recovery" since the Debtors believe the Litigation is an asset of their estates. Field Jerger worked with Lord Bissell & Brook LLP ("LBB"), the Debtors' bankruptcy counsel to coordinate the prosecution of the Debtors' claims against the Defendant.

7. To accomplish the tasks described above, Field Jerger performed legal research, drafted complaints and discovery requests, and negotiated with opposing counsel. The chart below is a summary of the total amount of time entered by each timekeeper during the Application Period.

Professional	Position	Rate	Hours	Amount
Joseph A. Field	Attorney	\$310.00	13.3	\$4,123.00
Jonathan Smale	Paralegal	\$120.00	2.3	\$276.00
R. Scott Jerger	Attorney	\$260.00	.5	\$130.00
TOTAL			16.1	\$4,529.00

8. The amount of time spent by Field Jerger with respect to the Litigation is reasonable given the difficulty of the issues presented, the time constraints imposed by the circumstances, the amounts at stake, the sophistication and experience of opposing counsels and the ultimate benefit to the estates.

9. In evaluating this Application, this Court should consider the value of the services rendered by Field Jerger on behalf of the Debtors and the Debtors' estates, the nature and complexity of the issues presented, the skill required to perform the services properly, the customary fees charged by other professionals in similar cases, the experience and ability of the professionals involved, and the amount of awards of compensation in similar cases. These factors, whether viewed individually or collectively, support an award of the requested compensation in full.

10. Given the criteria set forth in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, namely (i) the nature, extent and value of the services; (ii) the time spent; (iii) the rates charged for such services; (iv) the performance of the services within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance and nature of the problem, issue or task addressed; and (v) the reasonableness in other bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters, Field Jerger respectfully submits that the requested final compensation represents a fair and reasonable amount that should be allowed in full.

EXPENSES

11. The actual and necessary costs expended by Field Jerger during the Application Period are detailed in the statements included in Exhibit B. The requested reimbursement amount for expenses incurred by Field Jerger is \$539.87. All of the expenses for which reimbursement is sought are expenses that Field Jerger customarily recoups from all of its clients.

12. The specific expenses incurred during the Application Period for which reimbursement is requested are as follows:

Category	Amount
Filing and Court Fees	\$450.00
Service of Process Fees	\$89.00
Photocopies	\$.87
TOTAL	\$539.87

13. All expenses incurred by Field Jerger incidental to its services were customary and necessary expenses. All expenses billed to the Debtors were billed in the same manner as Field Jerger bills non-bankruptcy clients. Further, the expenses for which reimbursement is sought constitute the types and amounts previously allowed by bankruptcy judges in this and other judicial districts.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

14. Pursuant to the Retention Order and the Interim Compensation Order, Field Jerger submitted monthly notices of interim fees (each, a "Monthly Statement") to the Debtors, the Creditors' Committee, the Lenders, and other parties entitled to notice thereof in which Field Jerger sought interim compensation and expense reimbursement pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order. To date, Field Jerger has received \$3,575.86 in payment of fees and expenses during the Application Period. The chart below sets forth the fees and expense reimbursements received by Field Jerger pursuant to the Monthly Statements during the Application Period.

Statement for Period Ending:	Payments Actually Received		
	90% Fees	100% Expenses	Subtotal
August 31, 2006	\$1,772.78	\$350.00	\$2,122.78
September 30, 2006	\$660.15	\$189.00	\$849.15
October 31, 2006	\$516.93	\$87.00	\$603.93
Total	\$2,949.86	\$626.00	\$3,575.86

15. Field Jerger received no objections to the Monthly Statements for the period beginning June 1, 2006 through and including October 1, 2006. Field Jerger did not previously submit Monthly Statements for services rendered between November 1, 2006 and December 21, 2006.

PAYMENTS HELD BACK FROM FIELD JERGER PURSUANT TO THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER

16. Pursuant to the Engagement Letter, Retention Order and the Interim Compensation Order, 10% of the fees earned by any professional were to be held back by the Debtors pending an interim and final application for fees. The chart below sets forth the fees earned by Field Jerger and held back by the Debtors pursuant to the Monthly Statements during the Application Period.

Statement for Period Ending:	Amount of 10% Fee Holdback
August 31, 2006	\$196.98
September 30, 2006	\$73.35
October 31, 2006	\$57.44
Total	\$327.77

COMPLIANCE WITH 11 U.S.C. § 504

17. Other than as provided for and allowed by 11 U.S.C. § 504, there is no agreement between Field Jerger and any other firm, person, or entity for the sharing or division of any compensation paid or payable to Field Jerger.

NOTICE

18. Notice of this Application has been provided to the (a) the Debtors; (b) the Office of the United States Trustee; (c) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Orius Corp.; (d) counsel to the Agent; and (e) parties who have requested notice in these cases. Based on the extent of notice already provided, Field Jerger respectfully requests that additional

notice of the hearing on this Application be waived for good cause shown pursuant to Rules 2006(a), 2002(i) and 9007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

19. Based on the Court's limited availability in February 2007, and in light of the 20-day notice period prescribed in Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a), this Application has been noticed beyond the time prescribed for under Local Rule 9013-1. Based on the Court's calendar, Field Jerger respectfully requests that the Court approve such extended notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1).

WHEREFORE, Field Jerger requests that entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C:

- (a) Allowing final compensation to Field Jerger for the Application Period beginning June 1, 2006 through and including December 21, 2006 in the amount of \$4,529.00;
- (b) Allowing expense reimbursement to Field Jerger for the Application Period beginning June 1, 2006 through and including December 21, 2006 in the amount of \$539.87;
- (c) Authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay Field Jerger \$413.27, the balance due after credit for payments received by Field Jerger pursuant to the Monthly Statements under the Interim Compensation Order.
- (d) Waiving other and further notice of the hearing with respect to this Application;
- (e) Approving the extended notice of this application pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1); and

(f) Providing Field Jerger with such additional relief as may be appropriate and just under the circumstances.

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